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<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/056,550	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MICHAELSON, RICHARD E.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Jasson H. Yoo	<b>Art Unit</b> 3714	

  

**All Participants:**

(1) Jasson H. Yoo.

(2) Adam Masia.

**Date of Interview:** 1/8/10

**Type of Interview:**

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*Art rejection in view of Walker 6077163*

Claims discussed:

42

Prior art documents discussed:

*Walker 6077163, Walker 6012983, Taylor 20020132660*

**Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Philip Kunz.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** 4:00 PM

//Jasson H Yoo/  
 Examiner, Art Unit 3714

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner discussed that the specification lacks antecedent basis for the claim limitations of: game session, activation period, separate from the initial value amount, and automatically deduct. Claim 42 also comprises insufficient antecedent basis for the claim limitation of "current value total balance". Applicant will consider amending the claims to clarify the claim limitations.

**\*update\***

A follow-up interview was made on 1/12/10 with Applicant's representative Phillip Kunz to discuss proposed claim amendments. However no claim amendments were agreed upon. The examiner pointed out that Walker 6012983 discloses the feature of automatically play. Thus it would have been obvious to modify Walker 6077163 with an automatic play so that the winning payouts awarded to the player's balance extends the gaming session. Furthermore, the examiner noted that Taylor also teaches a time based wager game in which the player can extend the time. After Applicant reviews the new art, another interview will be made to discuss new claim amendments and/or new arguments, or the examiner will respond to the last amendment accordingly.